

REMARKS

Non-Compliant Amendment

On April 11, 2006, the Applicants timely filed a Response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2006.

The Examiner held the April 11, 2006 Response to be Non-Compliant for underlining the newly submitted claims. Suitable corrections have now been made, removing removing the underlines for claims 40-53. Currently, claims 2-8, 17-24, and 40-53 are pending; and claims 1, 9-16, and 25-39 have been previously cancelled.

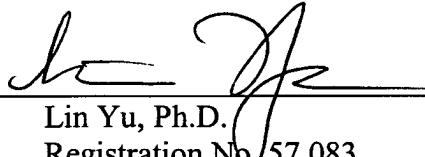
SUMMARY

If the Examiner believes that it would be facilitate prosecution, Applicants' Agent, Lin Yu may be contact at at (619) 696-6700 or at lyu@gordonrees.com.

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Respectfully submitted,

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